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Opposites in English

Thirty two pairs of opposites with a short sentence for each.

HOW TO USE THIS SHEET

- Pick one group and three or four pairs to start with.
- Show the pair with two real things, then say both words.
- Read the sentence aloud, then tick the box when your child can say the pair.
- Skip the quiz. If your child tries, that is enough.

HOW A WORD STICKS

01
SEE

02
UNDERSTAND

03
SAY

04
USE

05
REMEMBER

A 5-minute game: say the opposite

1. Say one word from the tables, such as "hot".
2. Ask your child for the opposite.
3. If they are not sure, show them with real things, then say the pair together.
4. Swap roles. You can get one wrong on purpose so your child can correct you.
5. Add actions: stand up and sit down, open and close, push and pull.

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Size and amount

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SAY IT	OPPOSITES	SIMPLE EXAMPLE
☐	big / small	The elephant is big and the mouse is small.
☐	long / short	The snake is long and the worm is short.
☐	thick / thin	The book is thick and the paper is thin.
☐	wide / narrow	The road is wide and the path is narrow.
☐	heavy / light	The rock is heavy and the feather is light.
☐	full / empty	The cup is full and the bowl is empty.
☐	many / few	I have many crayons and few pencils.
☐	more / less	I want more rice and less water.

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How things feel

SAY IT	OPPOSITES	SIMPLE EXAMPLE
☐	hot / cold	The tea is hot and the milk is cold.
☐	wet / dry	My hair is wet and my towel is dry.
☐	soft / hard	The pillow is soft and the floor is hard.
☐	loud / quiet	The drum is loud and the library is quiet.
☐	clean / dirty	My hands are clean and my shoes are dirty.
☐	new / old	I have a new bag and an old hat.
☐	fast / slow	The car is fast and the turtle is slow.
☐	sweet / sour	The mango is sweet and the lemon is sour.

SAY IT	OPPOSITES	SIMPLE EXAMPLE
☐	up / down	The bird goes up and the ball goes down.
☐	in / out	The cat goes in and the dog goes out.
☐	open / close	Open the door and then close it.
☐	front / back	The door is at the front and the garden is at the back.
☐	near / far	The shop is near and the park is far.
☐	top / bottom	The star is at the top and the box is at the bottom.
☐	inside / outside	The toys are inside and the swing is outside.
☐	left / right	Raise your left hand and then your right hand.

Feelings and actions

SAY IT	OPPOSITES	SIMPLE EXAMPLE
☐	happy / sad	I am happy today and my friend is sad.
☐	day / night	The sun comes out in the day and the moon comes out at night.
☐	stop / go	Stop at the red light and go at the green light.
☐	give / take	Give me the ball and take the book.
☐	push / pull	Push the door open and pull it shut.
☐	win / lose	One team will win and one team will lose.
☐	laugh / cry	The baby will laugh and then cry.
☐	wake up / sleep	I wake up in the morning and sleep at night.

More opposites games

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Opposite hunt

Call out a word and find two real things that show the pair.

Wrong on purpose

Say the wrong opposite and let your child correct you.

Opposite actions

Stand up and sit down, open and close, push and pull.

Draw a pair

Draw a big and a small circle, or a hot and a cold drink.

Use opposites during the day

At the table

"Is the soup hot or cold?" "Is your cup full or empty?"

Getting dressed

"Is your shirt clean or dirty?" "Is the scarf long or short?"

At playtime

"Is the ball big or small?" "Does the car go fast or slow?"

Outside

"Is it day or night?" "Is the park near or far?"

FROM A PAIR TO A SENTENCE

Build up one step at a time: **hot**, then **hot or cold**, then **the tea is hot and the milk is cold**.

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